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**5.3 Nonessential Elements**

MY SENTENCE: In this story Jig, the female in the story, is about to undergo “an awfully simple operation” (Hemingway 270).

EXPLANATION: Use commas to set off nonessential subordinate clauses and nonessential participle phrases. I found my information in Holt Handbook on page 338.

* A nonessential clause or participle phrase contains information that is not necessary to the meaning of the sentence.

REVISED EXAMPLE: In this story**,** Jig, the female in the story, is about to undergo “an awfully simple operation” (Hemingway 270).

ORIGINAL EXAMPLE: My friend, Jake, is a football player.